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Title: SHAVING OR CUTTING INSTRUMENT

This is a decision on the petition filed on December 16, 2005 for retroactive foreign filing license.

It has been determined that a retroactive license for foreign filing under 35 U.S.C.184 be granted with respect to the filings listed below. The petition complies with 37 C.F.R. 5.25 in that there is an adequate showing that the subject matter in question was not under a secrecy order, that the license was diligently sought after discovery of the proscribed foreign filing, and that the material was filed abroad without the required license under 37 C.F.R 5.11 through error and without deceptive intent.

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